GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:348
ANSWERED ON:17.04.2002
PRIVATIZATION OF VSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internal security of the country is threatened with the privatization of VSNL; and

(b) if so, the Government plan to monitor the security aspect sequel to VSNL privatization?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 348 FOR 17TH APRIL, 2002 REGARDING PRIVATIZATION OF VSNL.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The existing licence of VSNL provides inter-alia that VSNL will be required to extend in its licensing network necessary facilities to the State or Central Government or officers duly authorised on their behalf as may be required in the interest of public safety. The Shareholders` Agreement with the strategic partner also requires the strategic partner to comply with all the conditions of licences or orders or other directions of the Government or any applicable Government Authority in matters relating to security of the country.